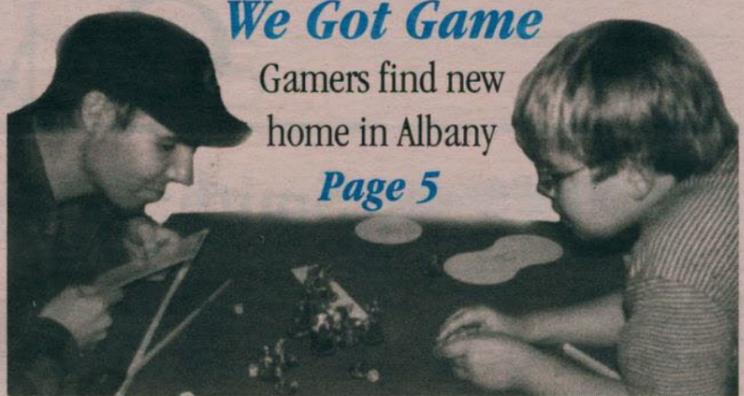


The Final Acid Test

Oregon's native son, Ken Kesey, has gone off to the great bus ride in the sky

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We Got Game

Gamers find new home in Albany

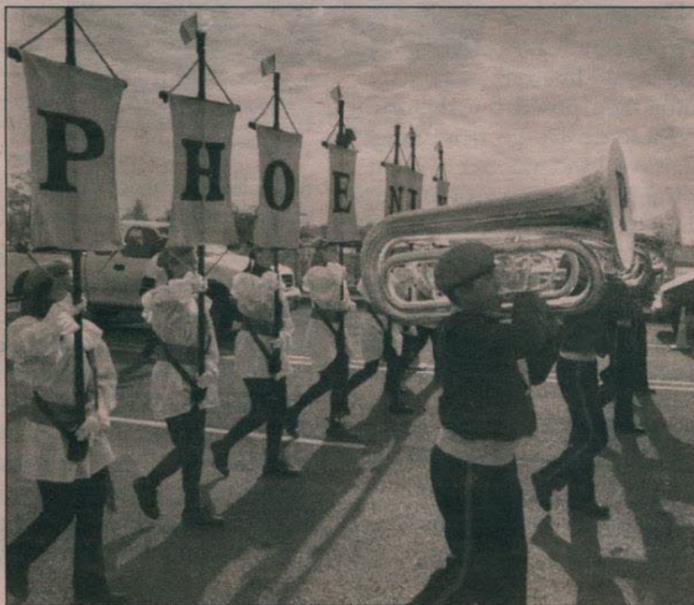
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Parade Inspires Patriotic Turnout

Dakota Teichroeb takes in the sights at the annual Albany Veterans Day Parade in the arms of his mom, Nichole, while the Phoenix, Ore., High School marching band struts by. According to organizers, this year's parade was one of the largest in recent memory, attracting 220 entries and an estimated 6,000 spectators.

Photos by Jenn Geiger

Sen. Smith pledges 'guns and butter'

by Steven Adler of The Commuter

"The smell (of death) is undescrivable," U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith told a packed auditorium in the LaSells Stewart Center at OSU Friday evening.

Within days of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks Sen. Smith stood amid the stench and smolder of "ground-zero" — the rubble of the World Trade Center in New York City — with 40 of his legislative colleagues.

"TV cannot do justice to the scale and scope of this disaster," he said.

The senator prefaced these remarks to the "Conflict in Context" series participants by recalling an aide rushing into his office and turning on his TV that Tuesday morning. They watched as the second airliner struck and, then, the towers collapse.

"Within minutes the ground beneath my Washington, D.C., office rumbled," (Turn to "Smith" on Pg. 2)

Novak's shares Thanksgiving with those in need or alone

by Sherry Majeski of The Commuter

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant in Albany will be carrying on a tradition this Thanksgiving that its owner, LBCC Board member Joseph Novak started back in 1985—hosting a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for the needy

"Seating is at noon and reservations are requested to accommodate the expected 240-250 guests," said Novak, whose restaurant is located at 2835 Santiam Hwy. SE.

There are only two requirements to take advantage of this free Thanksgiving dinner—you must be financially unable to have a Thanksgiving dinner or you have no family to spend Thanksgiving with.

"The ambiance is traditional, just like going to Grandma's house," said assistant cook Gini Toews of Scio.

Long tables are decorated with fall flowers and covered with food giving the restaurant a homey setting. The flowers are donated by Steve Yutzie Floral in Albany.

The staff's spirit is high as they volunteer their time to come in, cook, serve and clean, Toews stated. "I loved working last year," she said. "It felt so good to see everyone feast. Everybody was in such a festive mood and the place felt so homey. I felt privileged to just be there."

Elsie Breadner, a waitress at Novak's, said, "Some people came in alone, and some came with their family. After the last person left and we finished, we were

"This is our way of giving back to the community,"

—Karen Novak

so tired. But it was worth every minute, just to be able to give so much to so many appreciative people."

Some of the food is donated by distributors to help make the dinner possible, and some patrons who aren't in need but who are alone for the holiday offer donations to help out.

"This is our way of giving back to the community," said Karen Novak, Joseph's daughter and cook.

Joseph said his commitment to hosting the dinner goes way back to when he

(Turn to "Novak" on Pg. 2)



Photo by Sherry Majeski

Joseph and Matilda Novak.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

High: 60° Low: 47°
Wednesday

High: 57° Low: 43°
Thursday

High: 54° Low: 37°
Friday

High: 53° Low: 33°
Saturday

High: 52° Low: 36°
Sunday

The rain to the wind said, "You push and I'll pelt."

—Robert Frost (1874-1963)

Source: Weather.com

CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

A Brit's bad luck

A British college student flew to Las Vegas on a gambling vacation, got rip-roaring drunk and apparently forgot he has a girlfriend back home because he married a complete stranger, an Australian woman he met only hours earlier. He went back to England, where he was unable to provide his girlfriend with crucial details of the wedding night activities. She dumped him. He is now looking for his "wife," about whom he remembers little, so he can get an annulment.

Asinine mistake

Two teenagers in Hutchinson, Kan., were talking about committing an armed robbery when one of them sat down on the cell phone in his back pocket, inadvertently triggering a pre-programmed call to the police station. Cops listened in for 20 minutes. Arrests ensued.

—From KRT News

Smith: Congress changing its ways in wake of crisis

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he continued, referencing the third airliner's explosive attack upon the Pentagon.

"Our world was smashed that day," Smith said. "The danger is real. Our country stopped, but our ship-of-state is still on course."

"We are the leaders of the free world," Smith said, "but we must be careful here. We must not trample on freedom. We are the leaders of the civilized world. Our retribution must not target in any way innocent civilians."

He continued, "America is called to lead the civilized and the free. I believe with all of my heart that the world is a better place because of the United States. We offer democracy. We offer trade. We offer defense of human rights and liberty."

The senator then posed the rhetorical question, "Where do we go from here?" and replied: "We bind up our wounds, support our troops, root out terrorism, support President Bush as an international leader, survive the economic slowdowns as best we can, and help a \$10 trillion economy right itself."

He assured the Corvallis crowd that things have changed in the Congress since the Sept. 11 atrocities.

"When I first went to the Senate, it was a discouraging place to go," he said. "In the Senate we would fight about everything. It seemed that the smaller the issue, the larger the debate."



Photo by Steve Adler

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith addresses the crowd at LaSells Stewart Center Friday.

Now, Smith said, "both sides are committed to 'guns and butter' in the middle of this national emergency." Congress is prepared to make deals that help both businesses and workers, including the security of entitlements.

"We must prepare for a world, after this war, that is better," he said. "Indeed, it is time to come together as a country; to reach out to our neighbors, to love them better; to hold our families closer; and to serve our

country with more determination than ever."

As Smith concluded his remarks he segued into a town meeting format of statements and questions from the audience.

At one point Smith was asked about the 2.5 million Afghan refugees that an international relief agency says face "a winter of unimaginable suffering" if aid does not arrive immediately. "The single most important foreign policy decision that can be made is to protect these innocent civilians," the questioner continued. "The American people will no more tolerate (Secretary of Defense) Rumsfeld's collateral damage than it will (Oklahoma City bomber) Timothy McVeigh's or Osama bin Laden's."

The audience applauded vigorously in support of this statement.

Responding, Smith, a member of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, assured the gathering that some portion of every meeting this committee has with Rumsfeld, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs Condoleezza Rice, Vice President Dick Cheney or Secretary of State Colin Powell is set aside to discuss the plight of the innocent. "We will very soon see a major response by the government on this issue," he said.

Smith skipped the reception in the foyer, which followed his presentation, instead remaining on the auditorium floor greeting, listening and discussing questions from all comers.

Novak: Family finds home in Albany after fleeing Communists

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grew up in Pecs, Hungary.

"I had a horrible life growing up. All I knew was starvation and doing without," he said. "I came from a large family and was one of nine boys and one girl. We spent more time in bomb shelters than in bed during WWII."

Novak did manage to go to college for three years, however, which is where he met Matilda Baumgartner, whom he married on Aug. 4, 1956. At that time Novak was deeply involved as an underground agent for Freedom Fighters during the 1956 uprising against the Hungarian and Russian communists.

Matilda was a long distance operator for the phone company, where she frequently overheard conversations that she shouldn't have because she spoke fluent German. According to Novak, one conversation she overheard involved the plans that the government was making to destroy the Hungarian uprising. Matilda relayed this information to Novak, who in turn passed it on to the leaders of the Freedom

Fighters.

Somehow, the political government learned what Novak was doing, and a good friend told him that he was going to be arrested and sent to prison.

So on Jan. 9, 1956, Novak, who was 21 at the time, fled Hungary with Matilda, his sister Theresa and Matilda's aged mother and sister. There was little time to plan their journey, Novak recalled—all they knew was they had to escape. Their plan was to cross the border into Yugoslavia at midnight.

It was a very cold and dark January night as they began their trek across the border. They took nothing more than what they could wear and what they could carry, which was some food and photographs. They didn't know where they were going through the dark fields, and because the border zig-zagged the entire way, they were never sure if they had crossed it. They were tired, but could not afford to rest during the night, he said, adding that their fright kept them warm and kept them moving.

At dawn, Novak said, "I

caught sight of a farmhouse on the right and a watch tower on the left. I did not know where we were, in Hungary or Yugoslavia, because of the dark and way the border meandered. We were exhausted, but not hungry—we did bring food. What was I to do?"

Novak decided that the farmhouse looked friendly, so to be safe, he told the women to go to the farmhouse while he ran to the watch tower to find out where they were.

As it turned out, the farmhouse was on the Yugoslavian side and the women were safe. Novak was not, however—the watch tower was on the Hungarian side. Fortunately, the Yugoslavian took the women in and offered them safety and signaled the watch tower by firing several shots into the sky.

Novak was then allowed to cross back into Yugoslavia to the farm house. There he was stunned to learn their destiny. Unbeknownst to them, the farmhouse was a Yugoslavian border station run by soldiers who hauled them to a concentration

camp in a pickup truck with others, where they remained for the next 11 months. Life was anything but good.

On Dec. 10, 1957, at 2 p.m., they were rescued by the United Nations and flown to New York the next day because they had a sponsor, Matilda's brother, who lived in California.

Novak eventually found employment in California with a huge printing company, where he remained for a year and a half. From there he moved from one job to another, each job better than the last.

Five years later, Novak finally got his citizenship and went to work for the Apollo Program. It was there that the Boeing Corp. offered him a job in Seattle, where they put him up for three days and two nights with all expenses paid for a job interview.

But Seattle did not impress him, so he declined the offer and headed back to California. On the way, the Novaks stopped in Albany for the night and realized that this town felt like home.

Novak went to work for Wah

Chang, but after the company unsuccessfully merged two departments, Novak found himself without a job.

Unable to find another job for three years, he was at his wits' end until he decided to open a Hungarian style restaurant, relying on Matilda and his daughter Karen, who were excellent cooks. Fortunately, the Federal Metals Credit Union saw great potential in this family business and gave them the loan to start their restaurant, right where it sits now.

It was the following year that the Novaks decided to open their restaurant to the needy and lonely and host a Thanksgiving-day dinner to make up for what they never had.

Novak said, "Nothing in my life ever came easy. We led a humble life from the beginning and we know what it means to starve. I thank the Lord every day for his gifts. God has provided us a way. Thanksgiving means a lot to me. If we didn't come here, we wouldn't have anything today, so we want to share with the less fortunate."

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CAMPUS NEWS

PeaceWorks director dissects U.S. foreign policy

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

An extremely low turnout didn't stop Michael Carrigan of Oregon PeaceWorks from giving his presentation on "Problems in U.S. Foreign Policy" Tuesday Nov. 6.

The scheduled talk was among a handful of events scheduled for LB's Veteran's Week that were sparsely attended.

Carrigan, Program Director of Oregon PeaceWorks, said the organization started in 1986, under a different name, as concerns grew over Reagan's military spending and Star Wars defense plans.

The Salem-based organization is a peace, environmental and justice group that advocates change through the use of non-violent protests and demonstrations. Carrigan calls PeaceWorks a "broad activist toolbox." Members of the group organize educational events, distribute a newspaper and lobby in Washington, D.C.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, affiliates of PeaceWorks across the state organized events in support of a peaceful reaction. Portland's Peaceful Response organized a march for peace in which 3,000 people gathered on Sept. 16, and Ashland's Peace House drew 100 people on Oct. 20 for a "patriots for peace" rally.

Four days after the Sept. 11 tragedies, Eugene's Global Justice Not War Coalition began distributing 36,000 copies of its "One Planet Indivisible" poster, which features a symbol of the planet. During the Vietnam era, Carrigan recalled, the U.S. flag became a symbol of division.

"It was either love it or leave it," he said. Distribution of the planet poster is important in that it shows global unity and that all people of the world are affected by the terrorists, not just the leaders, he explained.

Carrigan came to LB to discuss U.S. foreign policy in Latin and Central America and to follow up with talk about the current situation in Afghanistan.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

Michael Carrigan talks to a small crowd in the Forum.

A 20-minute video called "Guns and Greed" showed footage of non-violent protesters' attempts to shut down an institute at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., called the School of the Americas. Opponents refer to it as the "School of Assassins," saying that it teaches such things as torture, execution and black-

mail to Latin American soldiers.

According to the video, the job of SOA graduates is to protect the corporate interests of large U.S. companies, like Nike and Gap. The video showed SOA opponents' first hunger strike in 1990, which occurred outside Fort Benning. Protests continued in Washington, D.C. and at the Pentagon. In later years, thousands gathered in non-violent protests at the SOA and hundreds crossed its boundary line and were arrested.

Carrigan said that he would like to go to this year's SOA protest at Fort Benning on Nov. 18, but can't afford the time he would need to serve out a six-month jail sentence. While wearing a picture of a victim of an SOA graduate, Carrigan was arrested last year as he crossed the line. People who were arrested last year will immediately receive jail sentences this year for just stepping anywhere near Fort Benning, he said.

"Democracy is a messy process," said Carrigan. "But I love

it and am willing to fight for it." He said he likes activism and the motivation he felt at the protest last year.

As to the current situation in Afghanistan, Carrigan said PeaceWorks is concerned about innocent people who may not have enough provisions for the upcoming winter.

Everyone believes we need to bring the terrorists to justice, explained Carrigan, but PeaceWorks also believes in the need for a U.N.-led peace process. We need a coalition between the United Nations, United States, Southeast Asia and Middle East that would use the rule of law—not war—to stop terrorism, he said.

Carrigan said the failure in U.S. foreign policy is that "liberty and justice for all stops at our borders."

He concluded by urging Americans to not assume people are unpatriotic when they show opposition to militaristic policies.

"Peace is patriotic," he said.



Photo by James Bauerle

Picking Plants

Students and staff browse through the LBCC Greenhouse Friday in search of trees and plants during the LBCC Horticulture Club's annual fall sale. The two-hour sale drew a good crowd, but the club's biggest sale occurs in the spring, when an abundance of flowers and vegetable starts are sold just prior to Mother's Day.

Women in law discuss career opportunities

by Tracie Love
of The Commuter

A panel discussion about women in law enforcement will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Siletz room on the second floor of the College Center.

Sponsored by the LBCC Gender Equity Committee, the panel discussion will include women from the sheriff's departments in Linn and Benton Counties and women from the Oregon State Police, and the police departments in Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home.

These women will talk about why they chose law enforcement as a career, the challenges of working in a non-traditional occupation, and the rewards of being in the criminal justice field.

Complimentary soup and rolls will be served and the public is welcome to attend.

The audience will have a chance to ask questions and be involved in the discussion, stated Jeanne Pitts, facilitator of this event.

Creekside planting project needs volunteers Dec. 1

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and install native plants along Periwinkle Creek in Albany.

The planting will be used to benefit fish and wildlife around Periwinkle Creek.

Preparing and cutting the plants will take place Nov. 26

through Nov. 30 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at various sites in Albany. Interested groups aging between eighth grade to adults can sign up for one to three hour sessions. Volunteers will be asked to use loppers and pruners and children under age 18 need a parent's signature.

Planting will take place on Saturday Dec. 1. Volunteers aging between sixth grade to adults will be needed. Orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and planting will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will meet at 1555 Oak St. SE (in the Oak Street Church of Christ parking lot.)

All volunteers should bring a raincoat, work gloves, work clothes and sturdy boots or shoes.

Preregister by Wednesday, Nov. 21 by calling Cheryl Hummon, Water Resources Program Coordinator at 917-7629, or at chummon@ci.albany.or.us.

Annual campus crime analysis shows rise in burglaries, drop in others

by Jason A. Bratsouleas
of The Commuter

The LBCC security officers are out on campus, and so is the current Annual Campus Security Report.

The report, issued last month, indicates an increase in certain types of crimes. Students need to be aware and take necessary precautions to prevent becoming

ing a victim, said Chief Security Officer Vern Jackson.

The report showed the largest increase in burglaries, which jumped from three incidents in 1999 to 13 in 2000.

There was also an increase in disruptive behavior from zero incidents to four. There was an incident report last month involving paid petition circulators

and a part-time student who objected to the way the petition gatherers obtained signatures. Incidents such as these contribute to the number of reported incidents.

The overall number of incidents, including criminal mischief, criminal trespass, disruptive behavior, menacing and theft, have decreased from 105

in 1999 to 81 in 2000. This also shows an increase in student awareness, according to Jackson. He listed the following crime prevention tips:

- Lock vehicle and keep all valuables out of sight.
- Walk-in groups when possible.
- Walk-in well-lighted areas.
- Have keys ready before you

arrive at your vehicle.

• Don't look like a victim. Walk briskly and with confidence.

• Always be aware of your surroundings.

• Report all suspicious activity to the Security and Safety Services Office at extension 4440.

• Register your vehicle with the Security and Safety Office.

LOCAL NEWS

U.S. agencies, homegrown terrorists pose bio-threat

by Steven Adler
of The Commuter

According to a nationally known expert on terrorism "Anthrax is a least effective weapon to kill, but a most effective weapon to terrorize."

Gary Perlstein, professor of the PSU Hatfield School of Government's Administration of Justice program, told Sunday evening's "Crisis in Context" audience at OSU that terrorists want to draw attention to their cause or to persuade people to pressure their government. "Maximum kill is not their goal," Perlstein said. "Thousands dead will get people to turn against them."

Based upon this assertion, Perlstein said he believed that the terrorists were probably surprised they killed as many people as they did in the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11. "They expected to kill hundreds," he said. "Nobody could have predicted the effect of burning jet fuel on structural steel." This combination led to the collapse of the WTC towers.

Perlstein traced the history of biological weapons used by the U.S. More than a century ago, Perlstein claimed, the U.S. Army distributed small pox-infected blankets to Native Americans in Penn-

sylvania. In 1955 the CIA released a biological agent in Tampa Bay Fla., he said.

And, in 1966 the Department of Defense released bacteria into the NYC subway system.

A recent Wall Street Journal article by Jim Carlton confirms Perlstein's assertion.

"Between 1949 and 1969," Carlton writes, "open-air tests of biological agents were conducted 239 times, according to the Army's testimony in 1977 before the Senate's subcommittee on health."

In addition to the incidents cited by Perlstein, Carlton reported releases in 1950 by a Navy mine-laying vessel that cruised the San Francisco coast, spraying an aerosol cocktail of microbes over the city from giant hoses on deck.

The Army kept the biological-warfare tests secret until word of them was leaked to the press in the 1970s.

Perlstein disagreed with the FBI assessment that the recent anthrax releases were the work of an "adult male loner."

"Evidence so far points to an interna-

"Anthrax is a least effective weapon to kill, but a most effective weapon to terrorize."

—Gary Perlstein

national conspiracy," Perlstein stated without providing follow-up evidence. Contrary to his assessment, however, white male Americans have committed the overwhelming majority of domestic terror acts during the past two decades, according to author and columnist Earl Ofari Hutchinson.

Hutchinson's rogues' list include Aryan Nation, Arizona Patriots, Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord, the KKK, The Order, The Order II, Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, and the White Patriot Party.

According to Hutchinson "These homegrown terrorists have bombed and torched... They have blamed the media and the federal government for all of America's social ills. The FBI reports that family planning clinics, the other target of rightist extremists, and government agencies have received thousands of threats of anthrax and other chemical weapons attacks in the past few weeks," writes Hutchinson.

Following Professor Perlstein's presentation, Lisa Hajjar, faculty of the

UCSB Law and Society Program, contended that to describe the Sept. 11 attacks as war is inappropriate.

Hajjar's legalist arguments recognized that a grievous crime against humanity (mass and systematic killing of civilians) had been committed. She said the U.S. had the right of response and that force may be necessary to bring the perpetrators to justice. However, she advocated for law enforcement-like apprehension and trial before an international tribunal, rather than a militaristic response.

She was careful to distinguish between a just cause and a just war. "The U.S. has a just cause," she said. "But, our war is not just because force should only be used as a last response after other means prove ineffective."

Hajjar feared incredible "blowback" (negative unintended consequences) as a result of using military means as a first resort.

Michael Ratner and Jules Lobel recently illustrated this fear in *The Nation*. "The United Nations is predicting the death of 100,000 children. Hate for Americans is pouring into the streets of Pakistan, Indonesia and other Muslim countries. We are creating the terrorists that will visit terror upon our children."

Author and icon Ken Kesey heads out for one last trip

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

One of Oregon's most colorful figures died this week, taking along with him a part of the spirit of the sixties.

Born in La Junta, Calif. in 1935, Ken Kesey's family moved to Springfield, Ore., in 1946 where he spent several years on the family farm.

His normal Christian upbringing led him to become a champion wrestler in college where he also belonged to a fraternity. This fairly standard progression could not have prepared him for the psychedelic fate he would meet when he attended Stanford University on a creative writing fellowship.

In probably the most significant moment of his young life, Kesey participated in experiments at the school involving psychoactive chemicals to earn

extra money. These chemicals included psilocybin, mescaline and LSD. Soon he was sharing handfuls of the stuff with friends and organizing his famous "acid tests" at parties where chemicals found their way into the punch.

While working as an orderly at the psychiatric ward of the local VA hospital, Kesey experienced hallucinations about an Indian sweeping the floors. This formed the basis for 'Chief Broom' in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", his writing project at Stanford which was published as a novel in 1962. It went on to receive rave critical reviews and popular success. This novel and his second, 1964's "Sometimes a Great Notion," were both later made into successful films. Kesey sued the producers of the film version of "Cuckoo's Nest" for taking the

perspective away from the viewpoint of the Indian character.

The same year "Notion" came out, Kesey and some friends, who had become known as the Merry Pranksters, bought an old school bus which they named "Furthur," painted in day-glo colors and drove to New York to see the World's Fair. Kesey found himself square in the middle of a counter-culture that included "Furthur" bus driver Neal Cassady, who was immortalized in Jack Kerouac's novel "On the Road," and also included friends of Kesey who were in an up-and-coming band called "the Warlocks" which would eventually become the Grateful Dead.

In more recent times, Kesey had been a regular at political events like the Green Party fund raisers during the last presidential election, and had written

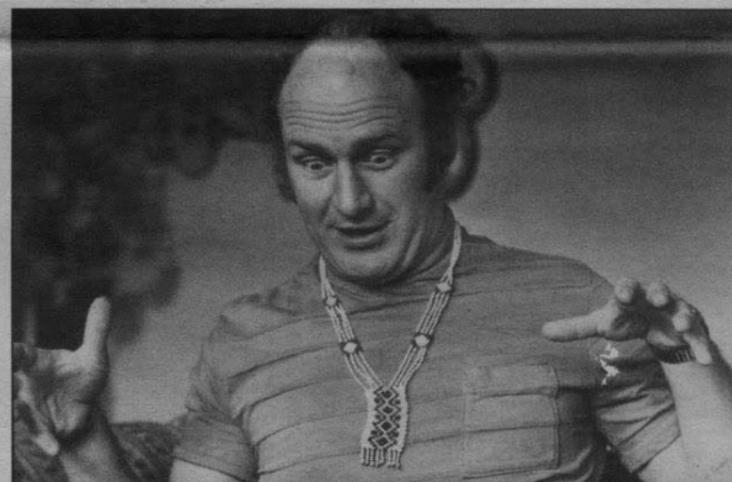


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This picture shows Ken Kesey in 1969, when he was at the height of his counter-culture popularity.

articles on the death of his son Jed in an automobile accident in 1984 and on the Thurston High School shootings in 1998.

Kesey died Saturday of heart failure after undergoing surgery

for liver cancer.

A public memorial service will be held at noon on Wednesday at the McDonald Theater, located at the intersection of 10th and 11th streets in Eugene.

Mail thefts consistent but preventable problem in rural areas

by Jason Bratsouleas
of The Commuter

The Linn County District Attorney is warning residents to be aware of mail theft, which he described as "widespread" over the past couple of years.

Jason Carlile said rural areas of the county seem to be the target, but some residents in the city have also become victims.

LBCC students who live in rural areas need to be aware and take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming victims of mail theft. According to Carlile, in a typical case the offender acquires checks, credit cards or advertisements for pre-approved credit lines, then poses as the individual, forges a signature and collects the cash. The crime of forgery is generally the statute under which offenders are prosecuted.

In one case someone stole a resident's mail with an advertisement for an additional line of credit on an



Photo by James Bauerle

Mailboxes alongside rural roads in Linn County have been the target of thieves.

existing account. The person then took the check to the bank, opened up an account and deposited the check. He then came back the next day and made a withdrawal. When the resident received a statement from the credit card company he found a bill for \$5,000. In this case, Carlile said, the person who took the mail and

his two accomplices were caught after the resident notified his credit card company and the authorities. "This is just an example of what generally happens," said Carlile.

Drugs seem to be the motivating factor for mail theft, but not always said Carlile. Residents can prevent becoming victims mail theft in several different ways.

- always know when mail is delivered
- never leave mail in the mailbox
- destroy any mail that has unwanted checks or advertisements
- supervise mail when sending it out

Incoming and outgoing mail is subject to theft at any time, he said.

Monetary damages can hurt victims, but often just the hassle of canceling credit cards, stopping payment on checks, and reporting thefts to the authorities can be a time-consuming matter, said Carlile.

LOCAL NEWS

A PLACE FOR

GAMERS

Dragon's Cave opens huge Albany gaming site for players of all ages

by Greg Gewar
of The Commuter

Your Dwarven fighter hits the orc for seven damage, killing him. Another orc strikes you with his rusty broadsword but your armor deflects the blow, and you take no damage.

Scenes like this are what you'll find at Darwyn Gerig's Dragon's Cave gaming shop in Albany.

Gerig's store opened Nov. 1 and so far has had great success.

"We've had a pretty good response for not having any signs up," Gerig said. Word-of-mouth goes a long way with gamers, especially when there is a limited amount of places to play. I'm pleased so far with the turnout."

His shop is more conveniently located on a commercial strip at 1528 S.E. Queen Ave. than at his previous location in the Carriage House Plaza on Santiam Road. It has a cozy atmosphere, with couches and secluded rooms so that game players will not interrupt one another. Although he sells game-oriented equipment, that is not the emphasis of his store.

"I enjoy the environment and I enjoy the gaming. We fulfill a need for the area," says Gerig. His store is a place for gamers to get together and play, stock up on dice, booster packs, figurines and a myriad of other things.

"I know I'm not going to make a fortune out of this," he said, noting that gaming is free at his shop. "We encourage people to play here."

The Dragon's Cave is relatively big for a game shop and can accommodate five large groups of gamers at once.

Gerig co-owns the Dragon's Cave with his wife Patty. His last shop, the Gamer's Guild, was owned by two couples—Gerig, his wife and another couple. One of the reasons Gerig moved out on his own is that he and Patty can make all the decisions themselves. "It's a lot easier when only one couple is involved," he said. "It let's me be my own boss."

Gerig has been gaming for a long time and is experienced in many different games from Magic: The Gathering to Dungeons and Dragons' 3rd Edition. "I've been playing since the original Dungeons and Dragons, which I would say is either 1973 or 1974. I've been a gamer most of my life." The original Dungeons and Dragons remains the 44-year-old gamer's favorite.

Werewolf, Exalted, Battletech, Ravenloft, Warhammer, Mage-Knight, Adventure, Hackmaster, Wheel of Time, and Aberrant are just some of the many games or systems played at the Dragon's Cave. Gurps, Rifts, and White Wolf are some of the publishers he carries in store. Tournaments are scheduled by other gamers and companies put on demos at regular intervals. Gerig says he will also host tournaments on a regular basis.

"We usually have at least one demo a month. Some months you'll have two or three depending on how busy they [the



Mark Gutierrez plays Tyler Gerig in the double-elimination Whirlwind Tournament of Mage Knight on Sunday afternoon at Dragon's Cave.

companies] are," he said.

In a demo, a company hosts a game and teaches players all the facets of the game in hopes that gamers will run out and buy it.

Most of the games are card-based or role-playing. In card-based games, you use monsters and spells represented on cards with values, such as armor class or damage, to attack other players.

Role-playing games involve dice and character sheets, but instead of traditionally working against one another, you work together toward a common goal. The game is controlled by a Dungeon Master, and you imagine that you are traveling the countryside hacking ogres, defeating mages and gaining experience.

"I don't think gamers on the whole have changed much, they are still the same as when I grew up," says Gerig, reminiscing on his youth. "Gamers are creative and imaginative, and usually have an above-average IQ. There is a more sophisticated group of gamers, today. They have a tendency to like junk food and Mountain Dew," says Gerig with a chuckle.

Gerig is more than willing to teach new gamers.

"If people just want to learn how to play a game, we try to do that too. If we get enough interest we can set up a whole day to teach people." He spent all of one recent Sunday teaching people to play Mage-Knight.

"What we don't carry we can order for people. We have a two-day delivery from the day it's ordered. If it's in gaming, I can probably get it."

Gerig will not only carry swords and sorcery items, but will be stocking up on the real thing, so gamers can carry out their weapon-wielding fantasies in real

Dragon's Cave Darwyn Gerig and his son Tyler compete in a "Harry Potter" card game, which Tyler eventually won. Below, several players look carefully for their next move as they plot strategy in Sunday's Mage Knight tournament.



Photos by Jenn Geiger

life. He plans to carry authentic weapons ranging from fantasy swords to a real-life Scottish Dirk.

Got that computer bug? The Dragon's cave also has three computers where you can play video games. Networking is expected within the next month, which would allow the staging of in-store tournaments on such popular games as Quake 3, Half-Life: Counterstrike, and Age of Empires II: Age Kings.

Gerig expects the upcoming "Lord of the Rings" movie to inspire many games, "I know there will be a 'Lord of the Rings' miniature game. They're coming out with

150 figures," he said.

"Right now we have three story tellers," Gerig said, referring to Dungeon Masters or people who run games. "There are always more players than people willing to run games."

So if you've been itching to run a game, or want to try some of the newest systems, hunt down this little shop and join your fellow nerds (no offense) at the table, rolling dice and throwing down the cards. You can stop by from Tuesday through Sunday, noon until midnight, or you can call Gerig at his shop, at 1-541-926-9691.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Todd Parker

This photograph of trees in the fog on Marys Peak is part of the exhibit of local photographers at the Guistina Gallery at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center.

Photos, poetry celebrate Marys Peak

Reception set for Friday at Guistina Gallery in LaSells Stewart Center

With Marys Peak as their inspiration, more than two dozen local photographers and poets have assembled an exhibit that pays homage to the "Sentinel of the Coast Range" at the Guistina Gallery at the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University.

A public reception with refreshments and a poetry reading will be held Friday Nov. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the gallery, located on 29th and Western avenues on the OSU campus. Poetry will be read at 7:15 p.m.

Organized by the Willamette Valley PhotoArts Guild, the exhibit has drawn the support and sponsorship of the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club, the Friends of Marys Peak, the Suislaw Forest and the Bureau of Land Management.

About 50 photographs by 12 area photographers are on display, including color, black-and-white, platinum, hand-colored and digital, as well as 13 poems by writers from across Western Oregon.

The words and images celebrate the ecological character and significance of Marys Peak, which dominates the Coast Range skyline west of Corvallis. A popular destination for hiking and cross-country ski enthusiasts, the peak is home to stands of noble fir and alpine meadows, and also houses the protected watershed for the city of Corvallis.

"Marys Peak is a very special place for people living in the heart of the valley," said PAG member Barry Wulff, one of the organizers.

"It's our weather beacon. It's a major site for local recreation. Nearly everyone with a visitor takes them to the summit for a view of the valley. The stakeholders and the community have

to work together to ensure the quality of this valuable recreational resource."

There are many stories about how the peak came to get its name, including some claims that it was named after the wife of an early settler.

Research by local historian Kenneth Munford published in the *Gazette-Times* in 1992 indicated that the peak was named St. Marys by Hudson Bay packers who regularly camped along the river near present-day Philomath long before the first settlers arrived in the area in the 1840s.

An exhibit catalog featuring reproductions of the photographs and poetry will be available for \$5 at the reception. It will also be available at local bookstores and from sponsoring organizations.

The Guistina Gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings and weekends during public events.

The exhibit runs to Dec. 28.

Chorale groups stage two holiday concerts

by Mariana Schatte of The Commuter

The LBCC Performing Arts Department will be presenting two holiday concerts in early December.

The Linn-Benton Community Chorale will perform "The Messiah" on Sunday Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. in the United Presbyterian Church in Albany, and again on Monday Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis.

The LBCC Concert Choir and Chamber Choir will perform a "Holiday Treat" on Thursday Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Takena Theater.

The concerts will be conducted by music instructor Hal Eastburn.

The Holiday Treat will consist of a repertoire of music related to the Christmas season, including "Joyfully Sing," "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound," "What Child Is This," "God-Bless Wassail," "The Nightingale" and many more. The tickets are \$4.

"The Messiah" by G.F. Handel, will feature The Linn-Benton Community Chorale, including an orchestral accompaniment by Penelope Wolff and Pam Sorensen, violin; Rebecca Williams, viola; Kathleen Smith, cello; Ken Saul, trumpet; and Myless Criss, organ. Also performing are soloists Evelyn Smith, Joan Caldwell, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, and Peter Butler. This group usually sings part of the Messiah, but this year it will perform the entire work.

The admission is \$8, not reserved.

"The Messiah is a traditional Christmas peace of music written 250 years ago, and it is performed almost every Christmas as a traditional thing. It is the most famous work of G.F. Handel, and has been very popular ever since," said Eastburn.

The Concert Choir is made up of 30 people and the Chamber Choir has 21. The Chamber Choir is an audition group, which means that people have to audition to be accepted in the

group. The Community Chorale is formed by community members and students of LBCC. Many of the members have been singing with the chorale for several years.

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Nature photographers show off at slide show

Fungi and lichens are the theme of annual show organized by Bob Ross

From the LBCC News Service

The 22nd annual Bob Ross Open Invitational Nature Photography Slide Show will be held on the LBCC campus at 7 p.m. Friday Nov. 16, in Forum Room 104.

The show is free and open to the public.

The theme of this year's show is fungi, but other nature slides can be shown. Photographers are asked to bring no more than 20 35mm slides.

For this show, "nature" means parts of the world without humans and human artifacts, said Ross—in other words, no architecture, hot air balloons, vehicles, backpackers and the like.

Special guests for the show will include professors and students from OSU who are inter-



Photo by Bob Ross

"Bird's Nest Fungus," a close-up photograph by retired LBCC biology instructor Bob Ross, will be among the images shown at Friday's annual Invitational Nature Slide Show at LBCC.

ested in mycology.

A Kodak slide projector and screen is provided. Photographers who bring slides in Kodak carousels must have their names on the carousels. Those who do

not have Kodak carousels should bring their slides to the Forum at 6:40 p.m. in order to load them into carousels provided by LBCC.

This is an unjuried showing,

with no awards or prizes.

The event has been organized every year since 1979 by Ross, who taught biology and nature photography at LBCC for more than 30 years before he officially retired in 2000. However, he continues to teach biology part-time at LBCC and OSU.

Nature photographers from throughout the Willamette Valley gather each year on this occasion to celebrate nature and share their experiences, techniques, favorite places and things to see.

"Beginners sometimes feel hesitant to share their slides, but nature photographers are friendly people, so this is a good forum for making your debut," says Ross. "Besides, new photographers have new insights and even experienced photographers have something to learn."

For more information, call Ross at 917-4763 or email at rossb@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.

Sufi poetry reading at noon today

by Becky Pedersen of The Commuter

LBCC sociology instructor Arfa Aflatooni will give a presentation today as a part of the Valley Writers Series on Islamic poetry and music.

Aflatooni will be reading from the Persian poets Rumi and Hafiz.

"They are both Sufi poets and have a different view and approach to poetry than most might be used to," he said. The main theme in the poems is unity but with a detached view of society and a critical view of materialism. They also include ideas of social criticism and skepticism.

"Sufi poetry," said Aflatooni, "is a mystical branch of Islam and the poets were seen as outcasts. They don't have an organized religion but include ideas of Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism. Sufi poets are very eclectic and free willing." He also said that this type of poetry is a big part of Persian culture.

The discussion will touch on the poet's ideas about society and life and about the composure of the poems. The poems will be read to music.

The presentation will be held today, Nov. 14, from 12-12:50 p.m. at the Siletz Room on the second floor of the College Center.

Helpers with extra time and Christmas spirit needed to volunteer for winter festival and tree decorating events

by Katee Cox of The Commuter

Student volunteers are sought to help Student Life & Leadership put on two of its traditional Christmas activities this season.

The first event is a Christmas tree decorating party on Nov. 28, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Courtyard, and the second is the Winter Festival on Dec. 1, from 1-4 p.m. in the Commons Cafeteria.

The Christmas tree will be located in the courtyard near the water fountain. Student

Life & Leadership will provide decorations for the over 20 children being brought by LBCC's Family Resource Center, but the decorating is not limited to just these children—everyone is welcome to participate.

The Winter Festival is a much larger event, usually bringing in around 300-400 children under the age of 12.

Santa Claus and Father Claus will be in attendance to help bring holiday cheer to the party.

Children will have an opportunity to do

different crafts, including decorating cookies that have been made by the Common's staff. They will also receive a free gift just for coming.

The two annual events have been going on for over 20 years. Though both events are designed for children, anyone from the community is welcome to attend.

Students interested in volunteering at either event are asked to contact the Student Life & Leadership Office in the Student Union.

Dance for Peace event in Corvallis to benefit people of Afghanistan

by Mariana Schatte of The Commuter

The OSU Iranian Association is sponsoring a party this Saturday Nov. 17 at the Old World Deli, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The purpose of this party is to raise some money for the relief of Afghanistan's people. Fifty percent of the money will go to this cause, while the other half goes to the association. Last year's party money went for the people in India.

Another purpose of the party is to bring together Arabic, Iranian, Turkish, Nepali and In-

dian students and make some noise as international students.

"Everybody can go to the party. We want to share with all of them. Basically, we are going to play music from the Middle East and India, but it is going to be modern music and you don't need any technique to dance. So everyone is welcome," said Tala Madani, an undergraduate Iranian student.

The Old World Deli is located in Corvallis at 341 SW second street, next to the post office. Tickets will be \$3, but any donation will be accepted.

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Attention Accounting Students: The National Society of Accountants Scholarships Foundation offers 40 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 to any person preparing to enter or who is currently attending college or a university. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications and all other requirements are due by March 10, 2002.

Attention Oregon Resident Female Students: The Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon offers a scholarship to any person preparing to enter or who is currently attending a non-sectarian college or university in the State of Oregon. Applicants must have completed at least two years of satisfactory college work. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications and all other requirements are due by April 1, 2002.

Attention Horticulture Students: The Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation offers 15 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 to any person preparing to enter or who is currently attending college or university while pursuing a career in horticulture. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications and all other requirements are due by April 1, 2002.

Attention Welding Students: The Foundation of the American Welding Society offers scholarships to any person preparing to enter or who is currently attending college or university in a welding-related educational or training program. Additional information and appli-

cations are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications and all other requirements are due January 15, 2002.

Attention Pre-Medical or Pre-Nursing Students: The Oregon Medical Education Foundations offers 3 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 to any person preparing to enter or who is currently attending college or university in a pre-medicine, pre-nursing or nursing degree. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications and all other requirements are due by March 1, 2002.

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Oregon State Police Recruiter here! Edward Tudela from the Oregon State Police will be recruiting for their seasonal Cadet Program and for their full-time Trooper positions. He will be outside the Career Center in Takena Hall from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19th. Come and ask questions!

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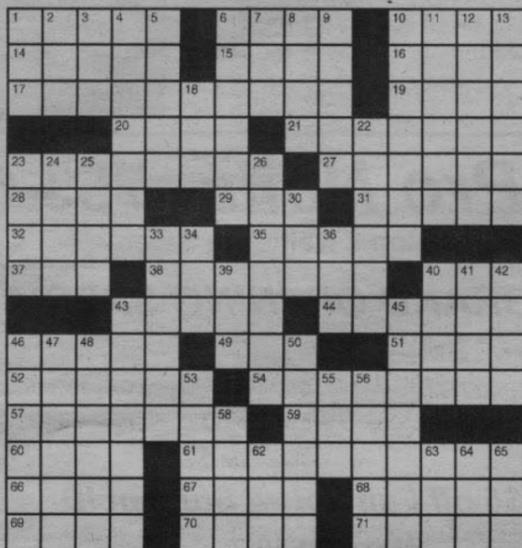
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 - 21 Redcaps
 - 23 Aristocrat
 - 27 Gauge pointer
 - 28 Lotion ingredient
 - 29 Gist
 - 31 Lock of hair
 - 32 One under par
 - 35 Varnish ingredient
 - 37 Male child
 - 38 Tornado
 - 40 High mountain
 - 43 Not here
 - 44 Hot dog
 - 46 Ciao, in Hawaii
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 - 51 Let it stand
 - 52 Portray
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 - 61 Arrange in proper order
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PHOTO GALLERY

Visual Metaphors

These pictures were made by students in ART261 Introduction to Photography in response to an assignment that asked them to create metaphorical portraits of themselves—pictures that symbolized something about them but didn't represent them directly.



This happy barn on the coast highway was photographed by Masumi Sasaki of Corvallis.



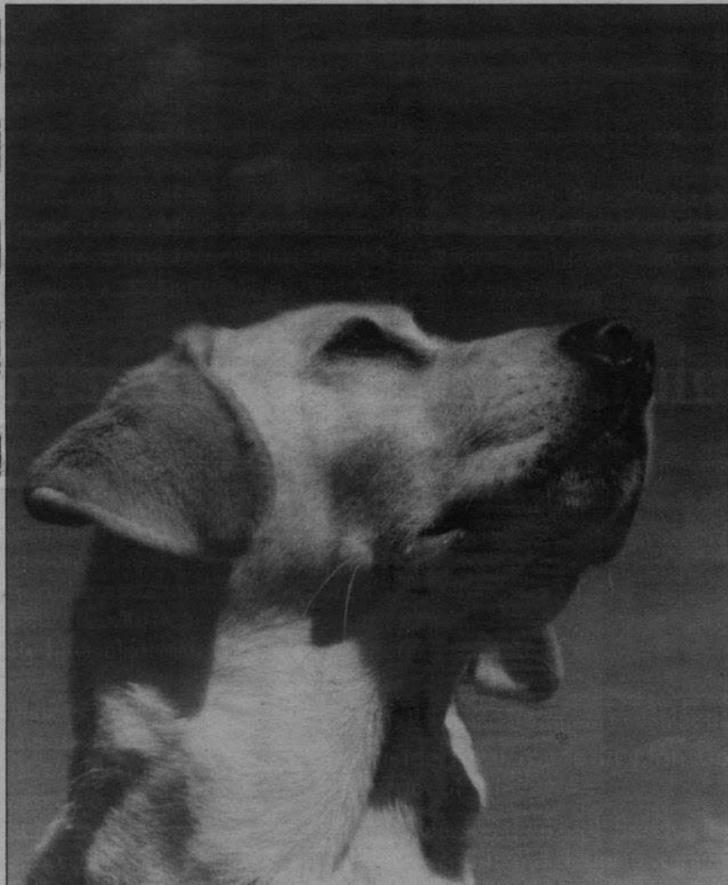
"Journey" is by Melinda Luksch of Corvallis.



Kasja Wills of Philomath tells a tale of duality with her image.



A leaf floating in a shallow pool attracted the eye of Yaicha Supanich of Corvallis.



In "Lookin' Forward," Laura Magedanz of Corvallis used her dog to portray an uplifting, positive outlook on life.



Shaylyn Barzee of Albany found meaning in a daisy growing in a cemetery.

SPORTS PAGE

Loss to Saints ends year for LB

West and Palmer lead Roadrunners in kills; Galedrige has 19 assists

by Christina Laramore of The Commuter

It was a frustrating end to an even more frustrating season as the Roadrunner volleyball team was dominated last Wednesday by league-leader Mt. Hood.

LB fell hard to last year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) champions, who are once more undefeated in league this season, in a 30-23, 30-16, 30-24 home loss that leaves the Runners in last place in the Southern division with a 2-10 league record.

The season was disappointing for the Runners, who managed to claim second place in the NWAACC tournament last year after losing to the Saints in the championship match.

This year however, the Runners faced more challenges as they attempted to blend together their three returning sophomores with their 11 freshmen. Despite an unlucky season, the Runners hope to come back stronger next year due to the 11 freshmen who should all be returning for the Runners.

Against the Saints, freshman Kim West led the team with seven kills, an unusually low number for her. Danielle Palmer

added six kills, while Jessica Horsley, who usually averages around 10 kills per game, came up with only five against Mt. Hood. Leslea Brown chipped in another five kills to the Runners totals.

Crystal Galedrige had 19 assists for the Runners, while returning sophomore Amie Johnson led the team with 10 digs.

As a freshman setter, Galedrige finished 15th in the NWAACC with 102 assists in just 14 games, leading her team throughout the season and ending her freshman year with a 7.3 assist average.

Janine Dionne, also a freshman setter, finished 20th in the NWAACC with 70 assists in 12 games and a 5.8 average.

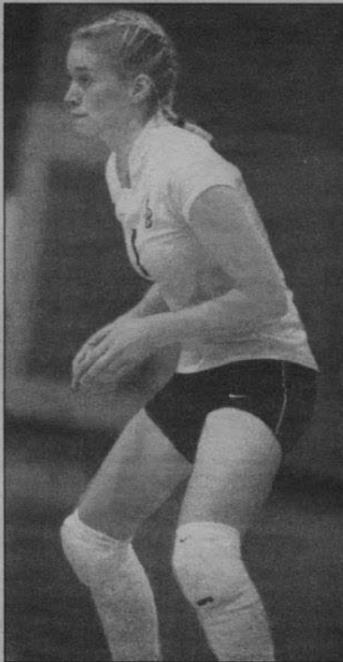
Horsley and West finished their season with a high ranking as well, joining other NWAACC leaders in kills. Horsley ended her career at LB with 75 kills in 21 games, while West ended her freshman year with 45 kills in 21 games.

West also led the team at the net in blocking, ending the year with 13 solo blocks and 12 assist blocks in 21 games.

Palmer was the serving queen this year however, coming up

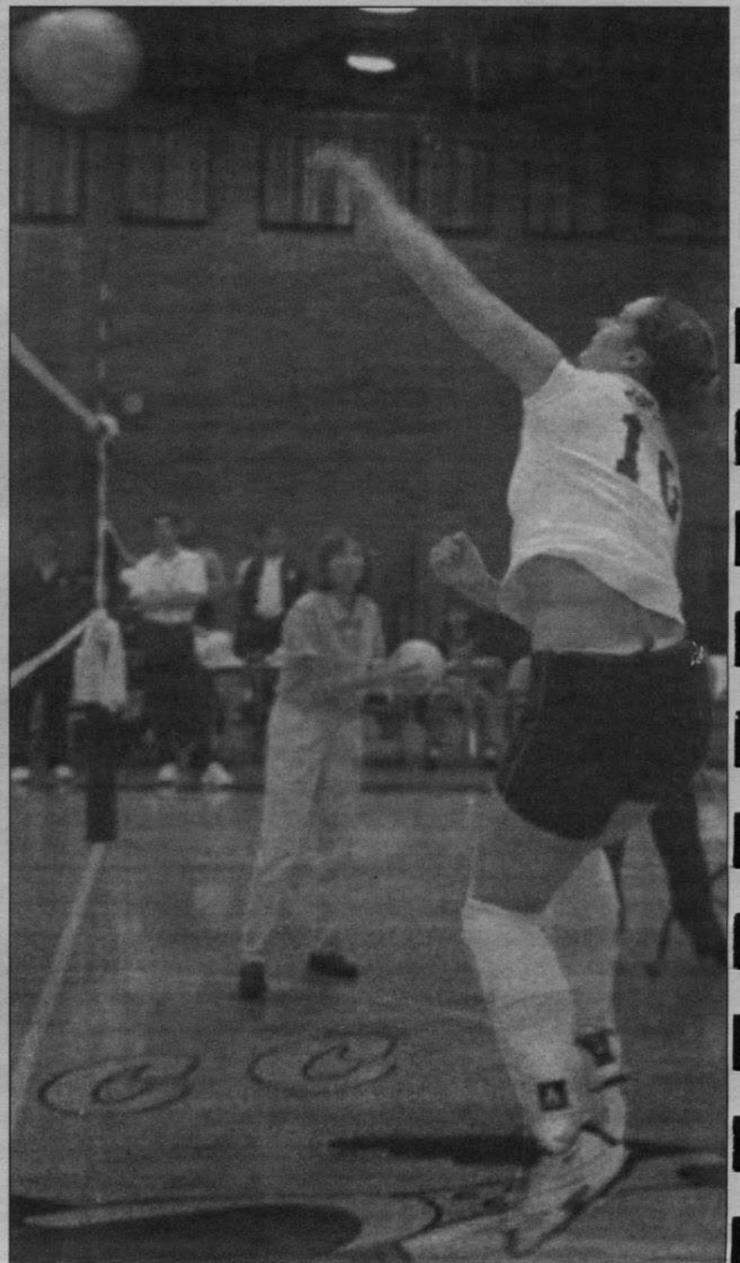
with 10 aces in 11 games and a 9.1 serving average.

The Runners finish their season down, but not out, as they prepare for next year's competition.



Photos by James Bauerle

Amie Johnson (above) gets ready for a hard hit while Jenny Lawrence (right) spikes the ball thrown from Coach Jayme Frazier in warmups before the Mt. Hood game.



COMMONS Menu

Nov. 14 - Nov. 20

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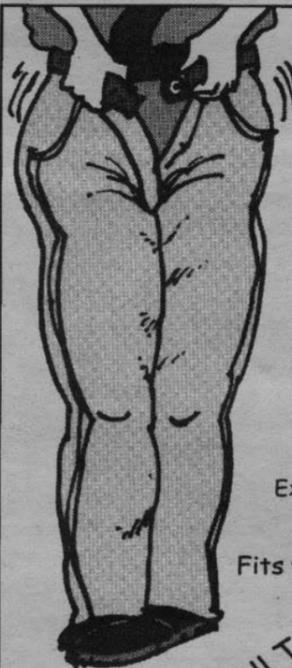
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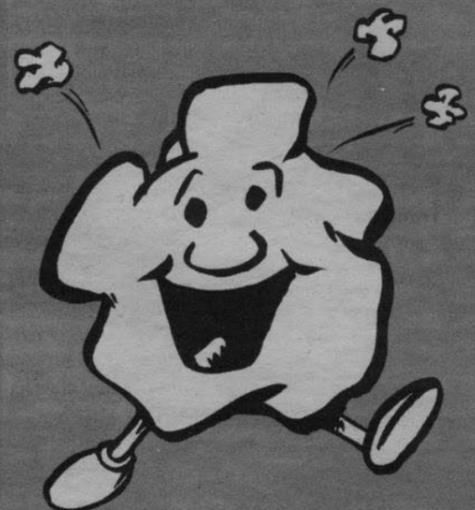
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SPORTS PAGE

Men's hoop team returns eight players with high hopes for season

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

The LB men's basketball team opens its 2001-2002 season at home this Friday with a sophomore-rich roster that head coach Randy Falk hopes to ride into the playoffs.

This year's team has eight returning players, as well as two transfer sophomores and three freshman. Falk says because of his players' great willingness to work, the Runners will be playing a fast-pace style this season.

The Runners are led this season by four team captains, who helped lead last year's team. Sophomores David Michaelis, Doug Marshall, Andrew Coats and Kraig Schuler will be this year's captains, while returning sophomores Paul Grock, Levi Hutchings, Brent Gilder and Rad Rodgers are also expected to do well for this year's squad.

Michaelis, a 6-foot-6 forward from Milwaukie High School, led the team with a 56.2 shooting percentage from the field. Michaelis scored 9.88 points per game, good for third on the team and was fourth in rebounding, averaging 3.65 rebounds a game.

A 6-foot-5 forward from Glencoe High School, Marshall was second on the team in scoring and rebounding. Marshall averaged 11.6 points per game and grabbed 4.41 rebounds per game.

Crater High School alum, standing 6-foot-2 in the forward position, Coats was third on the team in assists with 46 and contributed 3.77 points per game. 6-foot-6 center Schuler, from Beaverton High School, rounds out this year's captains. Grock, a 6-foot-8 center from Lapine High School, led the team in blocks last year with

23 and was third in rebounding. The center averaged 3.89 boards a game and 5.89 points a game. Grock's height is matched by Rodgers, a center from Henley High School who averaged 2.67 points per game.

The two returning guards from last year are 5-foot-10 Hutchings and 5-foot-7 Gilder. Hutchings, from Lapine High School, shot 50 percent from the field, and Gilder, from Santiam Christian High School, shot 33 percent from behind the three-point line.

Falk is looking for contributions from his transfer players and freshman as well. Garrett Hollen, a 6-foot-2 forward from Tualatin High School, and Nate Marks, a 6-foot forward from Knappa High School, are the team's transfers. The freshmen this year include Peter Nunn, a 6-foot-3 forward from Junction City High School; Blayne Watkins, a 5-foot-11 guard from Sweet Home High School; and Byron Orth, a 6-foot-4 center from West Albany High School.

Falk expects this team to do well this season, due in most part to their experience.

"We have every expectation to reach the NWAACC tournament this year. The only obstacle that can get in the way is our selves," said Falk.

The Runners ended last year's league season with a 3-11 league record, putting them in sixth place in the Southern division.

The Runners will tip-off the pre-season at home on Nov. 16 against Blue Mountain Community college at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center. Students are admitted free with student body cards.

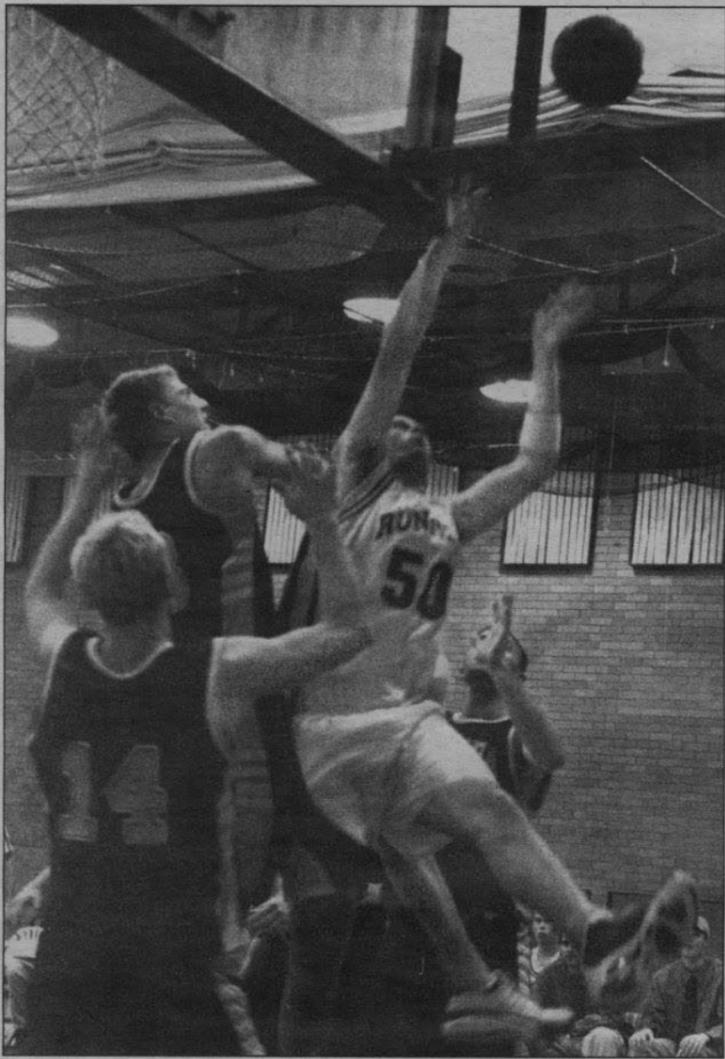


Photo by James Bauerle

Paul Grock is one of eight returning players for LB this year after leading the team in rebounds and blocks last year. Also returning are team captains David Michaelis, Doug Marshall, Andrew Coats and Kraig Schuler, as well as Levi Hutchings, Brent Gilder and Rad Rodgers.

Mount Bachelor, Hoodoo ski resorts to open with new features later this month

by Nathan Commodore
of The Commuter

Snowboarders looking for something new this winter will find it in the Central Cascades.

Mount Bachelor, one of the state's major ski resorts located near Bend, has just added a 17-foot Olympic-sized super pipe this winter. Mount Bachelor plans to run all types of promotion and events this winter, including some professional competitions on the super pipe.

In addition, the resort has added rails to their train park, which is over a mile long, and tows for innertubes.

Mount Bachelor, located 22 miles southwest of Bend on the scenic Cascades Lakes Highway, hopes to be open on Thanksgiving Day.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl in the Santiam Pass also has something new for skiers and snowboarders. This winter they will add a new 60,000-square-foot lodge. The hours will be 9 a.m.-10 p.m., so you have all day to ski or snowboard the 806 skiable acres. Also look for the week of Dec 10, when college students will receive half price off on all lift tickets. Hoodoo is located 75 miles east of Albany on Highway 22.

Willamette Pass Ski Area opens Nov. 21. Its hours are 12:30

p.m. to 9 p.m. Willamette Pass has 770 acres of skiable terrain, with 220 of that being "groomed" snow. Altogether they have 29 runs, with the longest run being 2.1 miles. Take Highway 58 east out of Eugene to get to Willamette Pass.

Mount Hood opens Thanksgiving day from 3 p.m.-10 p.m. It has added a new terrain park with hips, jumps, rollers and spines. They also have 34 night runs with the longest run being three miles. Mount Hood is located 52 miles east of Portland on State Highway 26.

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COMMENTARY

Ken Kesey, frontline general of a failed social revolution, fades into history

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

It's hard to find the words to eulogize Ken Kesey.

As much as he was an icon of the '60s psychedelic movement, so was he a down-to-earth Oregonian. He wrote award-winning novels, participated in a social revolution, raised four children, one of whom is buried at Kesey's farm, and through it all tried to share his experiences with us and tell us what he had found out about being human.

I had the chance to meet Kesey once during a Ralph Nader fundraiser in Eugene during the run-up to the last presidential election, and he looked all too human at the time.



It was late and Kesey was loading up the trunk of his old car with props from the stage show he and the other Merry Pranksters had put on. He was smoking a joint and measuring me through squinted eyes as if trying to ascertain what side I was on while I asked him about the election race. He seemed tired and annoyed at the whole situation, like he hadn't expected at this stage in his life to be talking about how to keep George Bush out of office.

Very pragmatically, he suggested that Democrats and Greens hold their vote until Eastern returns were in, and vote Democrat if Gore was in need of votes, and vote Green Party if Gore was winning a landslide. Kesey seemed to me to be a pragmatic realist, with no illusions about the election process, although the results were more complex than anyone would have thought.

Having read a lot of Kesey's work, I knew he had his ideas about life and I knew from reading his article in Rolling Stone about the Springfield shootings that this new world we were living in was not one he would have designed.

It was like interviewing a defeated general, one that had fought a good fight for all the right reasons, but had been betrayed by the basest motivations of human nature. Kesey was not straight-backed, not clear of eye and purpose like a Ronald Reagan or a Fidel Castro, those who choose something to believe in and can never see its dark side, its failures or its corruptions. Kesey that night had the straying glance of a jilted lover, or a disappointed father. Disappointed at life, at people, at himself.

This man who had been at the center of the storm for

so long, who had buried his youngest son, who had come to grips with a world of gangsta rap and school shootings and had seen the glorious dream of a kinder, gentler society die a lingering death by degrees.

I can only imagine Kesey's take on Sept. 11, 2001. I can only guess what anyone from the older generations thinks of this new world we inhabit. Had we only all taken the road to free love and gone back to the country, as ill-advised as that seemed then, maybe we would have avoided this fate we all now share.

If we had decided to embrace communalism, to hold a helping hand out to those less-fortunate, instead of opting for the big-money political machine model that sees poverty as a necessary evil, maybe Kesey wouldn't have had his heart broke, and maybe he'd still be around.

I can't say anything would have been different. And I don't know if Mr. Kesey would agree with me on anything. If nothing else, he was a free thinker and an individualist who defied definition.

So all I can say is goodbye, Mr. Kesey.

Thanks for the laughs and the thoughts and the visions. And as long as there are people who remember you, who remember the dream of a great society based on love and fun, the spirit of the sixties will keep going on, and someday we just might find a way to make it real, or at least infuse it into the reality we live in to make it less serious, less oppressive, and a lot more human.

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DO STUDENTS THINK?

The Commuter recently asked several students these three questions:

- 1) What is the capital of New York?
- 2) Who is the vice president of the United States?
- 3) What is the LBCC mascot?

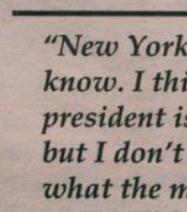
"It's Albany. Bush is the president, but I don't know who the vice president is. The Roadrunner (is the mascot)."

—Colin Kaneshiro,
education



"New York is the capital. Dick Cheney is the vice president and the Roadrunner is the mascot."

—Winnie Evans,
horticulture



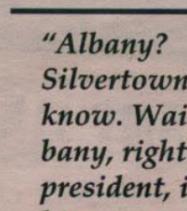
"New York? I don't know. I think the vice president is Cheney, but I don't know what the mascot is."

—Michael Fradet,
undecided



"Albany, Dick Chaney and the Roadrunner."

—Theresa Champ,
pre-law



"Albany? Silvertown? I don't know. Wait, it's Albany, right? The vice president, it's what's his name, the jack-ass—Cheney. The Roadrunner is the mascot."

—Andrew Hopkins,
art



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